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1. No official records or statistics are kept in Budapest of traffic passing through that city on the Danube. When the Hungarians started to keep such records the Soviets protested on the grounds that it amounted to espionage. 50X1-HUM  
some official records of Danube traffic are kept at the Iron Gates.

2. There follows the total list of shipping companies whose craft pass through Budapest:
  - a. C.D.G.P. A Soviet company with headquarters at Ismail, Rumania. Organized after the war. Owns 100 oil tankers.
  - b. Sovrom-Transport. A firm which is 50 percent Soviet and 50 percent Rumanian.
  - c. Rumanian State Shipping Co. Since nationalization in Rumania, this firm now controls all companies which were previously privately owned.
  - d. Inspad. A firm 50 percent Soviet and 50 percent Yugoslav. A small company owning only a few vessels.
  - e. J.D.R.B. 100 percent Yugoslav owned. The largest shipping company in Yugoslavia.
  - f. Meszhart. Meszhart or the joint Soviet-Hungarian Shipping Company owns all Hungarian cargo ships. In March 1949, it will also control all Hungarian passenger transport on the Danube.
  - g. M.F.T.R. This firm now controls passenger transport in Hungary.
  - h. B.R.D. 100 percent Bulgarian owned. Only a few ships are owned by this firm. There is no Soviet company in Bulgaria.
  - i. C.S.T.P. 100 percent Czechoslovak owned. 50X1-HUM

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